

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p.3, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The prior-art LTP concealment may be adequate for stationary speech signals, for example, voiced or stationary speech. However, for non-stationary speech signals, the prior-art method may cause unpleasant and audible artifacts. For example, when the speech signal is unvoiced or non-stationary, simply substituting the lag value in the bad frame with the last good lag value has the effect of generating a short voiced-speech segment in the middle of an unvoiced-speech burst (See Figure 10). The effect, as known as the “bing” artifact, can be annoying.